

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph 0006 as set forth hereinbelow:

[0006] As a solution, a process for the acceptance of coins during automatic payment transactions is suggested whereby the coins are lead to at least one synchronous roller pair for separation. Advantageously, the coin resting on a roller is pulled in the opening by the two rollers while the opposite roller moves the coin resting upon it out of the opening area. With this method, the separation of the coins passing the gap between the two rollers can be achieved. A cumbersome operation through the insertion of individual coins can be avoided with an appropriately designed opening slot. In addition, the insertion and the authentication of the coins can be accelerated. Overall, an acceleration of the payment process can be achieved. The coins can, for example, be fed to the roller pair through a means of transport, whereby both rollers can be rotated in the same direction so that one roller pulls in the coin resting upon it into an opening, while ~~the two rollers and at least a presence of the opposite~~ either of the two rollers can remove the abutting coin from the opening area. The acceptance means could be designed, for example, with an end funnel or an slanted supporting plane where the coins slide in the direction of the rollers on the basis of their weights. It can also be provided for that the coins are transported through a conveyor belt to the transportation means from where they reach the pair of rollers. The area of the means of transport should be advantageously large for the acceptance of the largest possible number of coins. The rollers can rotate at the same rotational speed or at different rotational speeds. Furthermore, the rollers can have different diameters of surface characteristics, which are adjusted, for example to the anticipated function of pulling the coins into the slot and removing them from the opening area.